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SUBJ: USLO CHIEF'S CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER -- VERBATIN TRANSCRIPT

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1. FOLLOWING IS TRANSCRIPT OF AMBASSADOR WOODCOCK'S MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER HUANG HUA JULY 30. PARTICIPANTS INCLUDED AMERICAN AND OCEANIAN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT DEPUTY DIRECTOR NANCY TANG, US AFFAIRS DIVISION DIRECTOR TING YUAN-HUNG, PROTOCOL DEPARTMENT DEPUTY DIRECTOR LIU HUA, USLO DEPUTY CHIEF AND POLITICAL COUNSELOR.

2. HUANG: I WOULD LIKE FIRST OF ALL TO WELCOME YOU TO CHINA AND THE ASSUMPTION OF YOUR IMPORTANT POST. I HEAR YOU HAVE MET WITH MR. LIU OF OUR PROTOCOL DEPARTMENT AND THAT MR. LIU HAS INFORMED YOU THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY STANDS READY TO ASSIST YOU IN THE DISPOSAL OF YOUR FUNCTIONS.

3. WOODCOCK: I AM NOT A PROFESSIONAL DIPLOMAT. I HAVE SPENT THE LAST TWO MONTHS WORKING HARD PREPARING MYSELF FOR THIS POSITION.

4. IT HAPPENED THAT I WAS IN BARCELONA WHEN THE PRESIDENT CALLED AT THREE O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING TO
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ASK IF I WOULD TAKE THIS POSITION. I WAS HONORED TO REPLY AFFIRMATEVELY. THERE IS NOOTHER POST IN THIS ADMINISTRATION I WOULD HAVE BEEN MORE PLEASED TO FILL.

5. I HAVE READ ALL THE TRANSCRIPTS OF ALL THE MEETINGS BETWEEN THE LEADERS OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND I AM FULLY AWARE OF WHAT HAS TRANSPIRED IN THE

PAST. THIS ADMINISTRATION HOPES, AS STATED BY PRESIDENT CARTER, TO PUSH FOR FULL NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BASED ON THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE. WE ARE FULLY AWARE OF WHAT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA HAVE SAID ABOUT THE DIFFERENCES KEEPING US APART. WE REGRET DOMESTIC POLITICAL DIFFERENCES HAVE NOT PERMITTED SPEEDIER MOVEMENT.

6. WE HAVE DIFFERING SOCIAL SYSTEMS AND DIFFERING POLITICAL SYSTEMS. SOMETIMES IT IS DIFFICULT FOR US TO UNDERSTAND FULLY POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN CHINA. IT MUST BE EVEN MORE DIFFICULT FOR YOU TO UNDERSTAND WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE UNITED STATES.

7. I AM PLEASED THAT SECRETARY VANCE IS COMING SO SOON AFTER MY ARRIVAL. THE MONTHS AHEAD SHOULD BRING SOME PROGRESS IN OUR RELATIONSHIP. I AM CONVINCED THAT A FULL AND PROPER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES MEETS THE NEEDS OF WORLD PEACE. I AM PLEASED THAT YOU HAVE GIVEN ME THIS TIME AND I HOPE THIS IS JUST THE FIRST OF MANY MEETINGS.

8. HUANG: THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TROUBLE TO COME AND SEE ME. THE PRESENT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAS COME AFTER A LONG PERIOD OF SEPARATION. AFTER PRESIDENT NIXON CAME IN 1972 THE TWO
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SIDES ISSUED THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE CONFIRMING THE PRINCIPLES FOR THE CONDUCT OF OUR RELATIONS.

9. AFTER PRESIDENT CARTER TOOK OFFICE HE REITERATED ON MANY OCCASIONS HIS DETERMINATION TO FOLLOW THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE AND HIS DESIRE TO FURTHER RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES ON THE BASIS OF THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE. WE WELCOME THIS ATTITUDE.

10. IT IS THE CONVICTION OF THE CHINESE SIDE THAT AS LONG AS BOTH SIDES STRICTLY ABIDE BY THE PRINCIPLES OF THE COMMUNIQUE OUR RELATIONS CAN BE DEVELOPED. ON

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THE CONTRARY, IF THERE ARE VIOLATIONS OR EVEN DAMAGE
TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THE COMMUNIQUE, IT WILL NOT BE
CONDUCTIVE TO DEVELOPMENT OF OUR RELATIONS.

11. IT IS NOT LONG BEFORE THE VISIT OF SECRETARY
VANCE FROM AUGUST 22 TO AUGUST 26. WE ARE LOOKING
FORWARD TO OUR DISCUSSIONS AT THAT TIME.

12. I BELIEVE IN YOUR MEETING WITH MR. LI OF THE
PROTOCOL DEPARTMENT YOU VOICED THE DESIRE TO VISIT
VARIOUS PARTS OF OUR COUNTRY. WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO HELP.

13. YOU HAVE COME TO CHINA AT A FORTUNATE TIME WHEN WE
HAVE JUST CONCLUDED THE THIRD PLENARY SESSION OF THE
TENTH CENTRAL COMMITTEE. THE PLENUM COMMUNIQUE RECORDS
THAT FOUR RESOLUTIONS WERE PASSED. I AM SURE MR. DEAN
CAN TELL YOU HOW WE CELEBRATED WITH PARADES IN EXTREME
HEAT AND POURING RAIN.

14. THIS SESSION WAS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT IN THE HISTORY
OF THE PARTY AND THE COUNTRY. JUST AS IT IS STATED
IN THE OLD SAYING, THE MEETING "INHERITS THE PAST AND
OPENS THE FUTURE." THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTRY ARE OVER-
JOYED. IT IS A GREAT VICTORY FOR CHAIRMAN MAO'S THOUGHT
INCLUDING HIS LINE IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS. THERE WAS A
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TIME, ESPECIALLY LAST YEAR WHEN CHAIRMAN MAO WAS
SEVERELY ILL AND THEN PASSED AWAY, WHEN SOME PEOPLE
CHERISHED THE ILLUSION THAT CHINA WAS IN A STATE OF
CONFUSION AND THAT SPLITS WOULD LEAD TO CIVIL WAR.
THERE WERE ALSO THOSE WHO HARBORED THE ILLUSION THAT
CHINA WOULD CHANGE ITS FOREIGN POLICY AND SOFTEN ITS
POSITION. BUT DEVELOPING EVENTS AND THE FACTS PROVE
THAT SUCH ILLUSIONS WERE GROUNDLESS.

15. DEVELOPMENTS ALSO ELOQUENTLY PROVE THAT THE PARTY, THE ARMY AND THE PEOPLE ARE IN EXCELLENT CONDITION AND THAT THEY HAVE WITHSTOOD WELL A VERY HARSH TEST. THE ENTIRE COUNTRY IS FULL OF CONFIDENCE AND THE PRESENT AND FUTURE SITUATION FACING THE COUNTRY IS EXCELLENT.

16. I HOPE YOU TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY, PERHAPS LATER, TO SEE WITH YOUR OWN EYES WHAT CHINA IS LIKE. OF COURSE, YOU ARE SETTLING DOWN NOW AND WILL BE OCCUPIED WITH THE PREPARATIONS FOR MR. VANCE'S VISIT. WOODCOCK: IT IS NOT FOR US TO COMMENT ON YOUR INTERNAL SITUATION. IN VIEW OF YOUR WELL-KNOWN POLICY OF NON-AGGRESSION, HOWEVER, WE CAN ONLY WELCOME THE DEVELOPMENTS YOU SPEAK OF AS CONTRIBUTING TO A STRONGER CHINA AND WORLD PEACE.

17. HUANG: PERHAPS. CHAIRMAN MAO TAUGHT US TO STORE GRAIN, DIG TUNNELS DEEP AND PREPARE FOR WAR. ACCORDING TO THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE NEITHER SIDE SEEKS HEGEMONY AND BOTH OPPOSE EFFORTS BY OTHERS TO ESTABLISH HEGEMONY. WOODCOCK

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